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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7288

INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 872

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TAGS: PINS, PRGOV, DM

SUBJ: DAHOMEANPOLITICAL CRISIS

REF COTONOU 862

1. COTONOU IS QUIET TODAY, JUNE 23, BUT THERE IS GREAT
DEAL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY, AND SOME OF ARMORED FORCES HAVE
BEEN MOVED IN FROM OUIDAH. THERE ARE WIDESPREAD REPORTS
THAT PREPARATIONS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ARE UNDER WAY. ALL
BANKS WERE CLOSED TODAY BECAUSE EMPLOYEES DID NOT GO TO WORK.
REPORTEDLY MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS ARE BEING INSTALLED AT
PRESIDENCY. PUBLIC MOOD IS UGLY, VENGEFUL. LITERALLY NO ONE
ACCEPTS KEREKOU'S VERSION OF AIKPE'S DEATH. WE EXPECT 2000
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TO 0600 CURFEW TO CONTINUE.

2. FOR LOME: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHETHER FORMER DAHOMEAN PRES LT COL APHONSE ALLEY, WHO WAS REPORTEDLY LIBERATED BY ANGRY MOB FROM ABOMEY JAIL TWO DAYS AGO, IS IN LOME.
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